



# Weekly Newsletter



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Black History Month

October is Black History Month and on Monday year 3-6 children were treated to a special assembly delivered by Sef and Ashley from the Museum of London Docklands.

The theme was to celebrate London's diversity and consider the wonderful range of languages spoken in London. Sef (a charismatic storyteller) impressed the children with his ability to talk to our children in several languages. He shared a variety of stories and songs with the children and he even taught them some sign language.

Hopefully another exciting place to take you children to during half term or at a weekend.



The School Photographer will be visiting on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October** to take individual photographs of all children. He will also be in on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** to take photographs of siblings. Make sure children are in full school uniform please.

## Teaching and Learning Review

On Tuesday we had a local authority teaching and learning review. Senior leaders carried out short observations with Maddie (Previous Head teacher at Bessemer Grange). Maddie was extremely impressed with the behavior for learning of the children; commenting on how focused they were. She also commended the exciting learning environments that teachers and teaching assistants have worked so hard to create. The application of phonic skills to children's writing and text reading was another strength she noted.

She was impressed by the skill of our wonderful teaching staff. We thank them all for their hard work and dedication to ensuring our children receive the best possible education.

## Year 3 Football Competition

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October Daniel (our PE Instructor) took a group of year 3 children to take part in the Bacon's College Football tournament. We are extremely proud to announce that the children were awarded a certificate for being the 'most **respectful**' school at the event. We are very proud of them. They have represented the school extremely well. Their behaviour was impeccable.

**Well done year 3!**

And....they also brought home a trophy after winning the tournament. The team played and won 7 matches in total. Special well done to AJ Sinclair who received a certificate for being the top scorer at the tournament.



## Road Safety

Today year 1 and 2 children were treated to a very special workshop; 'Peli & Zebe's Roadtastic Adventure'. This focused on teaching them about road safety. The performance was delivered by 'The Dangerous Theatre Company' who have been commissioned by Southwark to provide workshops for schools. Peli & his Uncle Zebe, made their way around the borough in search of the Roadwise Ranger, using clues and members of the audience to help them find safe places to cross roads.



Road safety is a really important life skill. Please talk to your children about what they have learned.



### Dates for your Diaries!

8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Black History Month
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fire Concert (In the light) –Year 4
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Photographer
15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Poetry Week
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Samba workshops
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>School closed for Inset Day</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Closing date for secondary school applications
Week starting 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	SEN Parent Meetings/ Maths Week
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Celidh Project Performance years 4 & 5
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying week
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Play
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception and Nursery Christmas performance
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 (Year 3-6) Carol Concert
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Erasmus Trip – Group of teachers travel to Sweden
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper day
17 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parents Evening
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1/EY Achievement Awards – 11:15 am in the junior hall
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Achievement Awards – 11:30 am
	Class parties
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	100% attendance awards

**School closes for Christmas holidays at 2pm**

### Key Stage 1 Assemblies Time: 11:15 am

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November Coral Class
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November Octopus Class
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November Whale Class

### Key Stage 2 Assemblies Time 11:30 am

- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October Kingfisher Class
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November Discovery Class
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November Mayflower Class
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November Pearl Class
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Endurance Class
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December Kon Tiki Class

### Year 3 children visit Southwark Cathedral

As part of their religious education, both Pearl and Endeavour class have visited Southwark Cathedral (an Anglican Cathedral) on the South Bank of the River Thames. Teachers are extremely grateful to all the parents who helped on these trips.

Thank you.

### Safeguarding at Rotherhithe

Keeping children safe is of utmost importance to us at Rotherhithe. We have recently updated our safeguarding policy. Please read it at <http://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/>

### Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:



KS1: Seahorse – 100%

KS2: Kingfisher, Calypso, Belfast & Discovery 100%

**Amazing! keep up the good work everyone!!**

Please **do not** book holidays during term time. This negatively affects your children's education.

